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TAGS: PFOR, EFIN, CPRS (STROUTH, HOWARD)

SUBJECT: PHOENIX OIL CO. SUIT AGAINST U.S. CITIZEN HOWARD
STROUTH.

REF : QUITO 0007

1. FOLLOWING IS PASSED FROM AMCONSUL TORONTO: QUOTE MOORE OF
PHOENIX OIL HAS NOW CALLED CONOFF TO SAY THERE WILL BE
ANOTHER 'KICK AT THE CAT', THAT IS FILING OF PERJURY CHARGES
AGAINST STROUTH, IN ALBERTA DURING MARCH. HE ASKED IF COL.
BLAIKIE COULD RECEIVE PERMISSION TO APPEAR OR IF THIS IS
IMPOSSIBLE, RENDER ASSISTANCE FROM QUITO.

2. IT APPEARS THAT THE NEW SUIT, LIKE THE EARLIER ONE, WILL BE
PREDICATED UPON PHOENIX' CONTENTION THAT IT ENTERED INTO A
BUSINESS ARRANGEMENT WITH STROUTH BASED UPON THE LATTER'S
CLAIM THAT HE WAS AN OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN QUITO.

3. REFERRING TO THE RECENT SETTLEMENT IN ONTARIO, MOORE
NOW SAID THAT IT ONLY INVOLVED 15-20 PERCENT OF WHAT
STROUTH WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE RECEIVED FOR SERVICES PERFORMED
ABOUT EIGHT YEARS AGO IN A JOINT VENTURE WITH PHOENIX IN
ECUADOR. HE CHOSE NOT TO GIVE THE CONOFF THE DOLLAR
FIGURE. END QUOTE
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